

to her superior achievements on the field, Bailey is an incredibly hard worker off the field, volunteering locally as a youth mentor and softball coach while simultaneously maintaining a 3.33 GPA in her high school classroom. Bailey has signed a national letter of intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Alabama this fall.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Bailey on her achievement and wish her continued success in both her athletic and academic careers.

COMMENDING FOURTH DISTRICT STUDENTS FOR UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor four exceptional students of Arkansas' Fourth Congressional District. These four young men recently accepted appointments into United States Service Academies, bringing their home district extreme pride in their academic excellence, their desire to serve, and their commitment to patriotism.

I take this time to congratulate Cannon Turner of Arkadelphia on his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, Jacob Tankersley of Percy and Daniel Woolsey of Ozark on their appointments to the United States Military Academy, and Samuel Tabler of Hot Springs Village on his appointment to the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School. These young Americans embody qualities of academic excellence and service above self which are necessary for such appointments.

These four young men are a tremendous source of pride not just for their hometowns, but for the entire Fourth Congressional District. Their commitment to excellence is to be commended, but it is their love of country, their defense of liberty, and their pursuit of a freer America that truly sets them apart from all others.

I take this time to honor them for their successes, to encourage them on this new pursuit, and to thank them for their example to the rest of the country of what a patriot truly is.

HONORING JIM YOUNG

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of James Marion Young of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on June 12, 2020 at the age of 89. Jim devoted his time and attention to serving the people of his hometown through an impressive array of community and philanthropic organizations.

Jim was born on November 15, 1930. He was educated at Andrew Lewis High School in Salem, where he lettered in football and baseball, and at the University of Virginia, where

he earned undergraduate and law degrees. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and remained in the Army Reserves for 22 years, eventually attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Jim's profession was the law. He practiced for years in Roanoke at Dodson Pence Viar Young & Woodrum as a partner and then in Salem on his own. But he was also occupied with making Salem a better place and improving the lives of its citizens. Among the organizations he led were the Salem Jaycees, Salem Kiwanis, Salem-Roanoke County Bar Association, Salem High School PTA, Roanoke County Council of PTAs, Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, and Roanoke Valley Economic Development Partnership. He chaired the Salem Electoral Board for 15 years and served on the Roanoke College Planned Giving Board. At his church, Salem Presbyterian, to which he belonged for more than 70 years, he served as deacon, elder, trustee, and Sunday School teacher.

The Boy Scouts of America had a special place in his heart. He took pride in the achievement of Eagle Scout rank by two of his grandsons. The organization benefited from his volunteerism over a span of more than fifty years. He was president of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council and provided it with his services as an attorney for free.

Many organizations and causes in Salem and the greater Roanoke region were served well by Jim, and they honored him in return. He was recognized by the Jaycees with the Distinguished Service Award, by the Boy Scouts with the Silver Beaver Award, and the Economic Development Partnership by being named Citizen of the Year. He was also inducted into the Salem High Alumni Hall of Fame.

Beside his many charitable pursuits, Jim enjoyed playing tennis and proved his skill on the court as a three-year Virginia United States Tennis Association doubles champion in the 75- to 80-year-old division and a two-year champion in the 80-plus age group.

I had the opportunity to know Jim personally, including from our mutual service on the board of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. He invested a lot of time in his own daughters and the children of the community.

Jim's family was important to him. He was predeceased by one of his daughters, Cathy Harman. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Barbara, his daughters Debbie Harris, Becky Garrison, and Cindy Courtright and their husbands as well as Cathy's husband, and eight grandchildren. I offer my condolences to them on their loss. Many in the Roanoke Valley had their lives improved by Jim's tireless and selfless service.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON BIGGS

HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of George Washington Biggs, and recognize his service as a veteran of Army Air Corps and Air Force. As a Tuskegee Airman and recipient of the

Congressional Gold Medal, he is an exemplary American and Arizonan to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude.

A native of Nogales, Arizona, Mr. Biggs joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and trained at the Tuskegee Institute, the all-black flight training school in Alabama. He was one of two Arizonans to graduate from the program. After training during World War II, Mr. Biggs re-enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a non-commissioned officer and subsequently received direct commission as an officer in the newly formed United States Air Force. He went on to achieve the rank of major and flew B-47 and B-52 bombers in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Throughout his service, Mr. Biggs earned three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 7 Air Medals, and multiple bronze stars for a total of over thirty military citations and commendations.

Since retiring from the military, Mr. Biggs has lived and worked in Nogales for the U.S. Customs Service. He has raised a family and since retired. In 2007, Mr. Biggs and other Tuskegee airmen received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian recognition awarded by Congress, for the group's "unique military record that inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces."

I believe that Mr. Biggs' character and actions truly embody what it means to serve one's country. Not only did he fly in multiple wars, he rose above expectation and obligation as a Navigator and an officer. In addition to his time in the Army Air Corps and Air Force, his integrity, modesty, and principled character are values that we can all learn from and should strive to emulate.

I would like to express my personal appreciation for the service of George Washington Biggs, and my hopes that he has a happy 95th birthday.

CONGRATULATING SADAGICIOUS OWENS ON HER SELECTION AS A 2020 COMPETITIVENESS SCHOLAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sadagicious Owens on her selection as one of only 44 students nationwide to the White House Initiative for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) 2020 Competitiveness Scholars Program. Ms. Owens, a student at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB), joins a community of scholars representing 33 HBCUs in the country.

According to the White House, students are nominated by their institution's president and chosen based on their academic excellence, their professional acumen, their leadership experience and potential, civic involvement, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Due to COVID-19, this year's scholars will not be able to attend the annual meeting in Washington, D.C., but they will instead be participating in virtual events throughout the year. These seminars and activities will focus on creating a platform in which the scholars can communicate and share ideas about professional pathways, government resources, and best practices on careers and professionalism.